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**1)** The reply filed on August 16, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Newly amended claims 27-31 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally elected and examined for the following reasons:

The restriction requirement of January 07, 2004 set forth two patentably distinct inventions, i.e. Invention I, directed to a kit comprised of "stannous ion", "an anion" and "carbon monoxide" and Invention II, directed to a kit comprised of "stannous ion", "an anion" and "a metal" (Mn, Re or Tc). As pointed out in paragraph **2)** of the restriction requirement, the patentability of the kits is based on the particular combination of well known ingredients. In the response of January 20, 2004, applicant elected Invention II without traverse and an action on the merits of Invention II was mailed on March 16, 2004. The particular combination of "metal", "stannous ion", "anion" and "carbon monoxide" of newly amended claim 27 was presented originally in claim 26 which was part of non-elected Invention I.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented and elected invention, i.e. Invention II, a kit comprised of "stannous ion", "an anion" and "a metal" (Mn, Tc or Re), this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03. No claims to the elected invention are currently pending in this application.

Claims directed to the elected invention must be reinstated.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

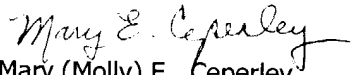
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**2)** Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary (Molly) E. Ceperley whose telephone number is (571) 272-0813. The examiner can normally be reached from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le, can be reached on (571) 272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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